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BERLIN REJOICES OVER VICTORY

PALACE ANNOUNCES GAIN WON OVER CZAR'S FORCES AS GREATEST OF THE WAR—CITY DECORATED WITH BUNTING AS SOON AS THE NEWS IS OFFICIALLY SPREAD.

ACCLAIM NAVAL SUCCESS IN BOMBARDING ENGLISH COAST

Berlin, via London, Dec. 12.—The people of Berlin were aroused to enthusiasm over the announcement of a great Austro-German victory over the Russians in Poland. The official bulletin read:

The German offensive against St. Lest and Posen has completely broken down. In the whole of Poland the enemy was forced to retreat after fierce and stubborn frontal battles, and is being pursued everywhere.

During the fighting in Northern Poland the bravest of the West Prussian Hessian regiments gained a victory. The effect of this victory cannot yet be estimated.

Within half an hour extra editions of the *Neue Freie Presse* and the whole city literally flashed into the boudoirs.

American visitors who a few days ago commented upon the non-display of flags, scarcely recognized the streets, which everywhere were gay with flags of black, white and red, and the Austrian and black, at many places intertwined.

At the Reichstag, where a meeting was in session, word was received from the palace that the greatest victory of the war had been won. The salutes showed that the troops could assemble to celebrate the event.

The first intimation of the nature and extent of the Russian defeat was circulated in official quarters, but nothing definite was known until it had been understood that the Russians were in a precarious condition, but it was not hinted that a decisive result was at hand. It is now known that thousands of Russians have been taken prisoner.

All the newspapers had the victory as the most brilliant achievement in the campaign. One of them, coupling the Eastern situation with the boyish scenes of the "Wester" coast of England, says that "while the naval forces were thundering, 'It was a salute for the victory in the East and the overthrow of the Russian steam roller which was to crush it way to Berlin."

"Never since this old earth has had a mightier steam roller than the Allies," has such a gigantic bat been fought. Seldom in centuries has there been an event of such decisive importance. The battles of Poland will be classic in history among the victories of the first world war, with the battles in the same breath with the battles of Salamis and Leipzig. We have to thank von Hindenburg and the desperate courage of his troops who fought under glorious banners of Germany and Austria.

Nearly four hundred casualties, eighty-three killed and approximately three hundred wounded, are the last figures of the results of the German raid on the east coast, only seven killed and four hundred wounded were soldiers, while of the civilian large proportion was women and children.

VON HINDENBURG ADVANCING. Rostock, Dec. 19.—Amid the continuing and ever-increasing situation in western Poland, the fact stands out that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is gradually approaching the western gates of Warsaw, through scenes of blood and wholesale slaughter, perhaps the most appalling of the entire war to date.

Apparently the Germans have concentrated 750,000 men in the area northwest of Warsaw and moved so rapidly that they forced the withdrawal of a Russian force of probably 300,000. The Russians are playing for time.

A dispatch from Berlin, which comes by the way of Amsterdam, says that the Germans and Austrian armies in Poland have 400,000 men ready to attack. Berlin reports that the Russians alone lost 120,000 men killed and wounded in the battles west of Warsaw.

ALLIES ADVANCE ON WIDE FRONT TO WIN BELGIUM.

London, Dec. 18.—The Allies have begun their great advance, intending to drive the Germans out of Belgium. Changing their original plan, General Joffre and Field Marshal French are now pressing the attack which they had intended to delay until the spring. The reason for the change is believed to be the Allies' numerical superiority, together with the fact that the British troops are much better seasoned now than had been anticipated.

In three weeks' time, according to the Allies' reckoning, the Germans may be driven back to their second line, from which they may be forced across the Rhine, provided they should withdraw considerable forces from their eastern front.

The present onslaught upon the German intrenchments is heavier than any offensive assumed by the French, British, and Belgian forces since Gen. von Kluck was driven back on the Aisne.

It is the result of a complete change of plan by Gen. Joffre and French and means that the campaign which was to have been begun in the Spring is now under way.



COL. JOHN BIDDLE

CHARITIES' PROBE

ROCKEFELLER, CARNEGIE, SAGE AND OTHER FOUNDATIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

U. S. COMMISSION INQUIRY

Inquiry to Determine Whether Great Organizations of Capital Are Menace to the Republic Will Begin in New York in January.

Denver, Col., Dec. 17.—The Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, which concluded its hearings in the Colorado strike here is going to hold the next test to the \$100,000,000 Rockefeller Foundation and also the Sage, Cleveland, Carnegie and Baron de Hirsch Foundations.

In a program announced here by Commissioner John T. Tamm, it is proposed that these gigantic organizations of capital will be investigated to ascertain if they are a menace to the Republic's future and more than a score of the greatest financiers, educators and economists of America will be called as witnesses.

On the list are Andrew Carnegie, the two Rockefellers, J. P. Morgan, E. H. Stotesbury, Francis L. Hins, president of the New York Clearing House Association; Jacob Schiff, E. H. G. T. B. Sherrill, Theodore N. Vail, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale, Seth Low and others as prominent.

Without a doubt, the basis of the commission's inquiry into the institutions representing vested wealth will be the file of letters produced here by James M. Clark, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, showing the close association of the Rockefeller Foundation with the labor and business policies of the Rockefeller corporations.

Two QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

Briefly, two great questions are involved:

One is to ascertain that the Rockefeller Foundation and similar institutions constitute in their relation to the monopolization of the gold supply of the United States.

The other is to determine whether organized wealth to a certain extent may be required to organize labor.

The commission will investigate the rights, powers and functions of self-perpetuating organizations under their present charters, and the extent to which these charters may be stretched under the present Constitution of the United States; and the restrictions which present constitutional limitations impose.

It will investigate the attitude of high finance toward industrial questions—what organizations such as the Rockefeller Foundation are doing to relate to labor.

How are the policies of these organizations shaped and by whom?

What part does the source of their income play in determining what these policies shall be?

Whether self-perpetuating organizations such as the Foundation, are a menace to the financial stability and economic welfare of the nation.

What figure do they cut in politics?

What is the labor policy of "big business" in general?

MEAT, 50 CENTS; SHOES \$10

Experts, After Taking Census of Cat-ties, See in Two Years, Owing to Shortage.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Meat at 50 cents a pound and shoes at \$10 are possibilities for the next two years, in the opinion of Government experts, meat and shoe experts after taking a census of the cattle in the country and finding the visible supply less than 35,000,000 head. As this includes calves, yearlings and full grown stock, the number of animals capable of breeding is reduced to an abnormally small supply.

"Meat in America will be a rarity before the war ends, with its drain on our supply," said Henry J. Williamson, Government statistician in the Department of Agriculture.

BIG XMAS MAIL TO EUROPE

3,000 Sacks for Warring Nations in 300,000 Pounds on the Steamer St. Paul.

Washington, Dec. 18.—This steamer St. Paul, which carried 300,000 pounds of Christmas mail, the largest single ocean mail shipment ever made. It included 2,000 sacks containing parcels for Great Britain and 1,000 sacks for France. The remaining 1,000 sacks were dispatched for Germany and Austria, from which countries reasonable assurances of delivery have been received.

SHIP PURCHASE MEASURE IN

Government Has Also Been Authorized to Charter Vessels for Foreign Trade.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Senate's bill to purchase ships was reported favorably to the Senate from the committee on commerce. Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee introduced the bill on December 10.

The bill, however, was voted down a motion by Senator Wilson Alden St. John to hold public hearings on the bill and under the spur of the administration it was reported by a strict party vote with one exception.

All the Democrats on the committee except Senator Vandenberg voted for the bill and all of the Republicans and Senator Vandenberg voted against reporting it.

The bill empowers the President to use for commercial purposes craft belonging to the War Department not required in time of peace.

FEWER SALOONS IN FRISCO

Commerce Chamber Says Liquor Men Killed the Goats That Laid Golden Eggs.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Upon the theory expressed in its report that "the liquor manufacturers are kind to the goats that lay their golden eggs," a committee of the Chamber of Commerce has begun the formulation of a plan to regulate and reduce the number of saloons in San Francisco. Its plan extends to legislative action at the state capital this winter, "with a view to harmonizing regulation in the United States."

Buenos Aires.—The Argentine cruiser *Pueyrredon*, after a long chase, has captured the German armed steamer *Patagonia*. The vessel is charged with having violated the neutrality of the Argentine waters.

London.—The Foreign Office issues the following: "In view of the state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of His Britannic Majesty and will henceforth constitute a British protectorate."

Santiago, Chile.—The Chilean Government, commissioned Alexandra Rosselot, a member of the national Congress, to study the paper-pulp industry in the United States.



CAPT. H. GIBSON

RAILROADS WIN

INTERSTATE COMMERCE BOARD GRANTS DESIRED 5% AD. VANCE TO 69 LINES

Washington, Dec. 19.—By a vote of 5 to 2 the Interstate Commerce Commission granted the application of the railroads in Official Classification Territory for an increase in rates. The railroads that payers 5 per cent on everything but coal and iron ore, and is expected to add nearly \$60,000,000 a year to revenues of the lines east of the Mississippi and north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers.

The decision is a victory for the railroads, the roads of three hard-hitting railroads before the commission sat with a majority of 5 to 2.

In its decision the Interstate Commission cited the strained financial situation resulting from the European war and the price hikes showing of the following year which ended June 30, 1914, as the reasons for granting the increases.

Widespread prosperity for the railroads and those lines of business directly affected by this industry is expected to follow the establishment of the new rates.

The railroads have submitted and to make sure that those of them who get away, additional instructions were carried at the point bayonet.

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WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR IN DUE AND PROPER FORM

THE seeing of "the Old Year out and New Year in" throughout the world is generally accompanied by much merriment and some times with much noise. But whereas in some countries the "wild" night has disappeared and has been replaced by celebrations more in keeping with the passing of a year of past opportunities, and the making of new resolutions for the coming year, on this continent, at least, the night has been given up to revelry strongly condemned by right thinking people.

At one time New Year's eve in Berlin was a time that might have gladdened the heart of the most exuberant undergraduate, being from dusk to dawn a time of practical jokes and good-natured "razeing." But to-day the town shows a more sedate temper, and if in a very German way a beer or a wine "journey" (to give the German expression) often reminds one of the same hours of what used to be seen at the close of the year in the ancient world, the days seem to have passed by when it was unsafe for a cahuman to show himself in the city before dawn, for fear of having some jokes ride away on his uninvited "Polly."

In these times the silk hat was more worn than today, and still more often was crushed in or thrown across the street by some of the more campagnous. It is said that one could then buy a cheap edition of the silk hat that had a gloss that would last through the evening, and at a price that made its disappearance quite sufficient.

Today such practical jokes have dropped into the background. Berlin and the rest of the empire indulge in a celebration of the New Year that has something of the character of a festival, something of the Scottish festivity, and also some reminders of April Fools' day and Gunpowder Plot day in England, and the Chinese New Year's "Festival of Lanterns."

On New Year's day in Germany the day for sending the "johann" is the day for the silk hats. The johann are the jokes that are generally held over until April 1 in France and England—cigars that might seem to be burning, references to such varieties as the peacock's eggs, and all the "seals" that can be thought of. Then as the English of the North say, "it's a johann and 'parish' on the eve of the 5th of November," the Germans have a special fare of pancakes and jam, with punch.

The rathus reminds one of the Orient. It is the stroke of the day, or rather the night. Even the biggest dogs in the capital have their weak barks come with a list of the very best ratites that they have seen.

Berliner is the name of a card game which has parts forth late in evening to the right of the town before sailing the river, with the round in front of the palace in the Lustgarten at nine o'clock.

The occasion also offers another example of the extraordinary powers of endurance in the matter of entertainments that the Berliners possess. Although the king of Prussia is the most powerful in some offices even as early as half past seven, there are as many in the cafe between two and three in the morning as one would see, for example, between one and two in Paris—a most unusual leisurely city.

And on New Year's day the company does not give home to bed with the milk, as in the French capital, but sees it out until it is a question of whether luncheon shall come before or after the sleep.

Such is the result of the known restaurants in the center of Berlin and in Charlottenburg's fair areas of King and Kurfürstendamm to much on the lines of the Paris revelion. There is no mention of the traditional "Roulin avec pomme de pomme," but return the pastries and wrap their place, and there is always some punch in the making.

New Year's eve is marked at the Court of Vienna by a ceremony somewhat reminiscent of "Hamlet" upon the chief character. The diplomatic corps is invited to the Hofburg to wish the Emperor a happy new year in the hope of the season, but his imperial majesty never attends to receive them. Since the days of Maria Theresa it has been the custom for the grand master of the court to deposit his heraldic insignia on this occasion, and no member of the imperial family is ever present.

This ceremony, which is commonly known as the homage to "Gessler's hat," is so strongly resented by some diplomats that they purposely absent themselves from Vienna at this time of the year in order to create it.

At Queen's college, Oxford, besides



THE KITCHEN CABINET

It wouldn't be possible not to be kind in the Land of Beginning Again; And the ones we mifjudged, and the ones we grudged Their memory is still here, Would find in the grasp of our loving ones a chart More than patient lips could explain.

CHRISTMAS DAINTIES.

At the holiday season we delight in sweetmeats, cakes and homemade goodies. One of the chief pleasures of the peasant man is getting ready, making things, which is also a good way of keeping the children in the house interested and feeling that they have a part in the preparation.

Orange or grapefruit peel makes such a delightful confection which may be used as a garnish or as a confection. Save the skins from two or three oranges, however, have them cut into thin strips and remove all the fiber and cut the skins with a sharp knife using a board. The English product is so attractive because it is shredded so fine. Put the skin on to cook in water and allow it to boil half an hour. Then strain the water, starting again with cold, repeat this two or three times until it has boiled in all about an hour and a half or until tender. Then pour off the water, adding as much sugar as there is peel. Put over high water and let boil rapidly until all the water has boiled away. During the last five minutes it must be watched constantly, pour it out on a plate covered with granulated sugar and toes it rapidly over and over until every bit is covered with sugar. Set away to cool, then serve in thin slices.

Orange Frosé—Strain the juice of five oranges and a lemon. Boil together one cup of sugar and one cup of water three minutes. Pour this over a tablespoonful of gelatin which has been dissolved in two tablespoonsfuls of cold water. Add the juice of one lemon. Put this in a two quart ice-cream brick. Put this in a two quart ice-cream brick. It should be about half full. Wrap a pint of cream, half sweet; sweeten and add to taste. Fold a buttered paper over the mold, put the cover over and pack in large salt for four hours. Open the mold, pour the gelatin and cream, and sweeten with sweet-leaf. This prevents the salt water from soaking into the frozen mixture.

The love of a kind service And the singlings serve the most. Then ye who are sons of promise And daughters of the image house. Get under the roof of the house. Go brother the brothers sons and with the royal crown. The Indians of conquered ones. —Stacy F. Davis.

NET-TOP laces over foundation skirts of taffeta silk are so excellent for making dancing frocks that the girl who is devoted to dancing can make a better choice of materials. The lace is just crisp enough and the lace hem is wide enough to make a dancing gown from becoming crushed and "sheeny-looking" and taffeta seems somehow especially well suited to youthful wearers. It is an instantaneous material, with a shining surface which looks particularly well under lace.

The Quaker, or shadow lace, is selected in the right patterns, look just as well as the net laces and are a little less in price. All of them are reasonably good.

A very fine model for a party gown is shown in the picture. The under-skirt of taffeta is cut full enough for dancing, with a slight flare. There is a full ruche of the taffeta box-plated about the bottom. Threeounces of cotton are added to the waist for moderate fullness. There is a narrow box-plating of taffeta at the head of each one of the two lower flounces. The upper flounce terminates in the waist line.

The model is better adapted to slender young girls than to others, and to the tall figure it is most becoming.

Dancing Frock of Taffeta and Lace



PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

PROCESS IN ROAD BUILDING

Various Steps in Construction of Highways—Concrete, Gravel and Brick Mentioned.

Highway improvement, like the growth of population, should be progressive, argues a student of the subject. Each should be suited to the requirements of its period, says Cleveland Leader. This contemplates, first,



Sand-Clay Mixture With an Insufficient Amount of Sand, the Grains Not Being in Contact.

the proper locating, grading and draining of roads which are essential to any good road.

This sub-base can be used as an earth road during the years when traffic is light and can be kept in serviceable condition by dragging after spring and fall rains at a cost of \$30 a year a mile.

The second step is to make a gravel road, when travel increases or funds become available, by applying several inches of sharp, clean gravel after dragging and rolling the earth road. This can be done in most places for a few hundred dollars a mile and maintenance will cost about one hundred dollars a mile.

When the gravel road is outgrown, it forms an excellent foundation for a concrete surface. It is only necessary to level the gravel and roll it to the required thickness, then lay a coarse of broken stones to carry heavy traffic. The surface construction costs approximately \$150 a square yard. Maintenance should not average more than \$50 a mile.

The final step in progressive road building is to lay the teaming and trucking predominates to lay a coarse of vitrified brick or granite sets grouted with cement on a sand cushion on top of the concrete. Or, if the part of the road should become a residence street or be set apart as

a boulevard, a quiet pavement of wood blocks, sheet asphalt or asphalt blocks should be laid on the concrete.

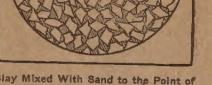
This is the most practical economical plan, providing for varying volumes and kinds of traffic over a century or more of use and involving loss of investment in pavements that are excessively costly to maintain and which are not essential as a foundation in the final type of highway.

Gravel Improves Roads.

Where gravel is abundant roads may be greatly improved by spreading a layer of the same on a central space in the road. This space should be at least six, say twelve feet wide.

If the hair will not bind successfully or is very short, the small, softcurls may be bought ready to pin. They are very light and naturally curly, and are used in many ways in new styles. They are pinned down with invisible wire pins, making a fascinating finish along one side of the collar.

At the left a coiffure is pictured suited to the woman who has plenty



of hair. If it is short and thin she will have to help cut its length with a sciss, but if it is long and thick no extra hair will be needed. The curious fact is that hair dressers prefer sciss to combs, to very abundant natural tresses.

In this coiffure the back hair is arranged in a French twist, which is spread out so that it looks soft, and pinned to place with small shell pins. The back hair is "buffed" and combed back in a tight roll, the ends pinned under the coll. It is then parted in a very shallow part at the front and fastened with invisible pins, some waves about the face, hair is the hair of the woman with regular features. It is a very simple and regular coiffure, the hair is pinned down, showing off the abundance of hair on her head to the very best advantage.

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Smart Handkerchiefs. Colored handkerchiefs are being used. Made in fine laces to match the costume. If the color is light, to go with dark gowns the handkerchiefs must be vivid, such as red, orange, green or purple. They are made of an exquisite quality of linen and hand woven. The size is about being about a quarter of an inch wide. The monogram is embroidered in a darker shade than the handkerchief.

Keep Water From Road. Where a road runs along a hill the water must be kept from running upon the road. The side ditch must be ample and, if necessary, a string of tile put three feet or more below the bottom of the ditch on the up-hill side, which will prevent seepage from below.

Instruction for Road Boss. Every road boss should attend road-making school and read all he can about highway construction and maintenance.

Keep Ditches Clean. Keep the side ditches clean, so water can flow away quickly. Standing water in the side road soon softens the ground.

Tile for Soft Spots. In cuts and level stretches that are soft tile a drain in middle of road three feet below the surface.

Inclosing Culvert Ends. Inclose all culvert tile ends in cement and walls to prevent their being washed loose.

given to the marriage relation itself. The animals, whether quadrupeds or birds, that are not to be treated as common law marriage, may be a German, but he is not married. British law on this point is the same as the law of the tribe, when such customs are recognized by congress as concerning and regulating the domestic relations of the tribe.

Johny Knows Them. "Johny," said the minister, "can you name the three graces?" "Sure," replied the little fellow. "Breakfast, dinner and supper."

The Canny Scot. A Scotchman recently returned home from a long absence, and when he had not been seen for a year, he was not recognized. But the naval officer who stopped the ship was able to remove all English, but British escaped the German eagle's eye. An eminent attorney said 200 years ago: "In all the world there is not a man who can be sure of his identity, and he is not to be known by his name, but by his coat of arms."

Inconsiderate. "Pur—Great cats! That's a nerve! Somebody has put up a building right where I am living."

Mushroom Farm. A mushroom farm in California consists of 600 square feet, the beds being in tiers in a basement. Although mushroom growing in the United States has assumed considerable proportions, the imports continue to be large.

Black Linings Used. It is interesting to note that black satin linings are being introduced on many of the new tailored models—suits, coats, the emerald green, the navy cloth or serges, are also on coats and light colors.

Dry Atmosphere. "I like this quaint little mountain village, your water, I suppose I can get plenty of oxygen here." "No, sir; we've got plenty of oxygen!"—Sacred Heart Review.

while ago every one wanted white satin linings; that it became the fashion to have fancy brocade or shot taffeta linings.

Broadcloth and Satin. Broadcloth and satin are well combined. For instance, there will be a skirt of broadcloth with a bodice of satin. Plain broadcloth is also used. This fabric, which is popular in men's suits, is made of a fine, thin, light-colored fabric, with stripes, which are infinitely more pleasing than the vivid, garish colors used last year.

the rich ivory in the tufts. The disappearance of the walrus means the extinction of the Eskimos, who depend largely on this animal for food, sleep, rest, rights, boats and leather.

When Was He in the Legislature? "The legislature, pa?" "The average legislature, my son," replied J. Fuller Gloom, "is a debasing society. He doesn't know what he is talking about and does not care any thing about what anybody else is talking about."

Perhaps He Had None. A fellow has his face shaved, hair combed, clothes polished, clothes pressed and his shoes shined, then pays no attention whatever to his dilapidated con-

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HOW TO PREVENT SOIL FROM BLOWING



Roots of a Tree Exposed by Soil Blowing.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Careful investigation has shown that the soil is easily washed away by wind and water, always leaving minute particles from place to place, carrying them ultimately into the sea. For the most part this is a beneficial process. Were each particle of soil to remain forever in one place, the fertility of the soil would rapidly be exhausted. As it is, new unweathered and unexhausted fragments of the underlying rocks are continually adding to the fertility of the soil zone by taking the place of the wornout particles which nature removes.

Under certain circumstances, however, it is extremely dangerous that the particles of topsoil are removed before the underlying rock fragments have been sufficiently prepared to take their places. This is the case especially in arid and semi-arid regions and in seasons when the soil is particularly sandy in character. Under such conditions "soil blowing" may be the cause of serious damage. In the first place the soil itself may be blown away, the subsoil insufficiently weathered and silted back to be ready for crops, comes to the surface; and secondly, the crops themselves may be lost through the blowing out of the seed or the uprooting,拔出, or cutting off of the young plants.

General Expedients.
The best results are to be had by the United States Department of Agriculture for the farmer who finds himself confronted with difficulties of this sort to adopt a system of crops which will cover his land with vegetation at seasons when strong, dry winds are most prevalent. The exact system which the individual farmer should follow depends, of course, upon the climate, the available markets and other local factors. There are, however, a few general expedients which it would be well to bear in mind. For example, if fall plowing is not necessary, the stubble of the last crop should be left on the soil as late as possible in the spring, or oats or barley sown in the late summer or early fall. This plan will be protective mat on the soil surface. Another expedient is to protect a slow-growing crop from wind damage by a crop which, planted at the same time, will grow more rapidly and

shield the former until it is sufficiently far advanced to take care of itself. A thin seeding of rye and barley used in connection with alfalfa is a common instance of this method. On dry lands, however, the scarcity of water must be considered. This plan is open to the objection that the summer rain deprives the soil of a certain amount of much-needed moisture. Many farmers, therefore, prefer to introduce alfalfa and similar slow-starting crops by drilling the seed in high-cut seedbeds of straw, mullet or thickly shaded kafir corn.

Summer Fallow Facilities.

The use of the summer fallow greatly facilitates excessive soil blowing in sections where dangerous winds are likely to blow at any time, because the land is less fully exposed. The danger may be avoided to a considerable extent by seeding rows of coarse-growing crops at intervals across the fallow fields at right angles to the direction of the prevailing winds. When the wind danger is especially great it might even be desirable to abandon the summer fallow altogether, substituting for it a leguminous crop which may be plowed under in the fall. This practice has the great advantage of adding humus to the soil, thereby not only increasing its fertility, but also its resistance to wind action. The presence of humus is indeed one of the best protections against blowing, the presence of organic bodies in the soil increasing the water-holding power and therefore aiding in the retention of the moisture. The sandy trucking soils of the East may nearly always be made naturally resistant to wind action by the addition of humus through the systematic planting of leguminous crops.

Another Protection Method.

Another method of protection is to plant rows of trees or bushes or to build *green walls* (hedges). This is effective but apt to be expensive not only because of the actual cost involved but because the cost of maintenance of the trees is likely to be excessive. For this reason the use of such artificial windbreaks can hardly be recommended for extensive agriculture, and is usually restricted to the cultivation of fruits, garden vegetables, and other windbreaks. However, should there be taken into account that they are composed of trees or bushes which do not harbor insect pests and whose roots will not spread out into the adjoining fields.

ELIDA, THE JEWEL

By JESSIE ETHEL SHERGOLD.

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"Stop! Stop! Dick," she cried, "Stop! Dick, and his brother, too! The swing. It was suspended from a tree branch, and every time he sent it whirling with its precious freight, it sparkled Eilda Mason, it took her way out beyond the bank, directly over the purling brook fifteen feet below.

"Promise me a kiss and I'll let up," bargained Dick.

"I did dare forth the spoiled boy. "Impudent! It will be a good hard box on the ear, if I ever get down to earth again."

"Which you won't until you promised," declared rollicking, mischief-loving Dick. "One more!" and he sent the dainty passenger with wild kicking feet and exuberant voice off on a wild, rollicking parabola curve that was fairly treacherous.

"Oh, you tease! I wouldn't kiss you if you were the last man in the world," breathed Eilda furiously.

"I'll just catch and stop my highwayman," insisted Dick.

"Crasht!" gasped Dick, and stood appalled.

Eilda had let go of the ropes. There was a fleeting vision of waving hair and flying skirts.

Splash! She went out and down like a cork, and in twenty seconds from shore she landed on the soft bottom of the stream, waist deep in water, but glorious in her wild wayward beauty, defant and daring.

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The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed Executrix of the estate of John D. Davis late of Concord, N. H., deceased.

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Meredith, N. H., Dec. 18, 1914.

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Meredith

Mrs. N. M. Estes and Lewis Moulton are waiting at the P. O. during the Christmas rush.

Deputy Sheriff A. M. Morrison, a cousin of Mrs. E. S. Gonson, John H. and Albert Morrison of Meredith recently suffered the amputation of one leg, but this fact has not dimmed his ardor as a hunter; recently while at his farm at Barre Vt. a buck stole silently out of the woods and began browsing on some frozen apples in the orchard, but no one could have made better time in securing a gun and with a single shot brought the buck which was a fine specimen to the ground.

Arthur E. Gay of Fassett was called to Meredith last week by the death of his sister, Mrs. Mary Hartshorn.

Temporary to let of 5 rooms with back porch, apply to O. S. Piper, Plymouth St. Meredith 2-3-9 adv.

Card of Thanks

The undersigned wish to express their sincere thanks for the kindness of the many neighbors and friends during the illness and at the time of the death of our beloved mother and especially we wish to thank any and all for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Frank L. Hartshorn
Clara E. Hartshorn

Speaking of Dolly-Doll's-Dolls, we lead them all on a "show down" and low price come in Morrison, adv

East Moultonboro

Mrs. Jones Berry and Mrs. Cleverne Berry attended the State Grange at Laconia last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper of Wolfeboro were at his sister, Mrs. Daniel Dodge's last week.

Wanted-Girl for general House work, no washing Mrs. J. F. Estes, adv.

Meredith Center

Frank C. Dow has returned from Worcester, after a 10 days absence.

Mr. and Mrs. August Seaverne are happy over a new baby boy, recent arrival. Congratulations

Rev. O. H. Tracy presided at a fine Christmas service at the Free Baptist church Sunday morning to an appreciative audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carriveau are happy over a fine baby girl born Sunday night D-20, 20, congratulations

Mrs. Belle C. Breed will observe Christmas in the Channing school Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24 and parents, neighbors and friends are most cordially invited

The Wissots Lake Grange will hold its regular meeting, Friday evening Dec. 25. All members are requested to make an effort to be present as important business is to come before said meeting.

Quite a large number of the grange members attended the State Grange at Laconia last week.

Mrs. Evelyn M. Plummer is in Lakeport visiting friends.

The following officers in Wissots Lake grange were elected at the last regular meeting, Master, Peter Nadeau, Overseer, Leroy D. Colby, Lecturer, Mrs. Belle C. Breed, Steward, Elmer Sanborn, Asst. Steward, John Nadeau, Chaplain, Carrie Flecking, Treasurer, Mrs. Mildred A. Colby, Secretary, Mrs. Eva M. Brown, Gate Keeper, W. E. Leonard, McLeister, Ceres, Emma Nadeau, Postman, Ruth P. Osgood, Plum, Ruth E. Reed, Lady Stewart, Elmer Blake.

Henry Wallace and family have moved into the Cale house recently purchased by Nett B. Boynton. Mr. Wallace recently came from New Hampton and will work for Mr. Boynton.

Mrs. Frank A. Shaw has been quite seriously ill with a severe cold but is now somewhat improved.

Arthur A. Smith and sister, Miss Lettie M. Smith have been entertaining a cousin, Mrs. Merrill from Meredith

There will be a Christmas tree entertainment at the Free Baptist Church Thursday evening Dec. 24. A good time is promised and we hope the attendance will be large.

Any where you please, but in Judea to your self see out Christmas display before Purchasing anywhere Morrison's adv.

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Some of the public spirited citizens are making efforts through the Boston offices of the Boston and Maine to have the midnight express popularly known as the "Shoo-Fly" stop here on occasions.

Bill Foye the former Meredith shoemaker sends to the News from Pinehurst, N. C. an interesting magazine called "The Pinehurst Outlook."

The interior of the new school house will be finished in about two weeks.

Many of the ice skaters who have been stopped by the snow, want the cover near the Moses estate flooded for skating.

Mr. James Hurliman the old time minister is planning a surprise for the young people in the entertainments.

L. G. Ryan is to take in the N. Y. Auto Show January 2nd. to 9th. as usual this year.

Meredith's first "hook night" is promised for New Year's eve at the town hall. Amateurs will appear and the hook will be given to those who fail to come up to the mark. If you want to hang dont fail to go to the town hall on hook night. Mr. Hartshorn MacLean one of Meredith's ministers is on the committee to keep things moving.

First Selections Neal took a large number of cattle to market Monday afternoon.

The newly formed Young Men's Association, with C. J. Lane as President and Assistant Postmaster Charles Raymond as Secretary and Treasurer will occupy the old back shop building formerly used by Dean Cope and Company.

There is talk of another theatre party to the new Colonial Theatre at Laconia the evening of January 15.

Daniel Dion, Boston and Maine telegrapher and Assistant to the Western Union of Meredith visited in Laconia one day last week.

Geo. Gould has laid a new floor in the office of his hotel.

Elaborate plates are being made by the members of the Meredith Women's Club for its annual "guest night" which will be held at the Meriden Hall on Dec. 25.

Already different committees are at work, the affair have had several meetings and hard work is being put in. It is expected that the evening will be a success.

Mrs. Ruth Brige has been visiting Mrs. Harry Durant a summer resident at her New York home, and is now in Washington.

The Misses Smith and McCarthy of the Meredith teaching force are in Boston for the holidays.

Fred Davis has gone to New Brunswick for the winter.

The schools closed on Friday night for the Christmas vacation of two weeks.

Miss Velma Reynolds, Miss Stella Paul and Miss Beatrice Blaisdell are enjoying their Christmas vacation at their homes.

John O. Reynolds and family will spend Christmas with Charles Lee and family of Lakeport.

Mrs. Elyza Kelly enjoyed the attraction at the Premier with her sister, Mrs. Hurliman and Mrs. Mitchell on Dec. 12, Mrs. Kelly having reached her 85th birthday on that date.

John J. Fowler of the U. S. Battleship Georgia has been passing his 26 days furlough with his wife at Mrs. Georgia Hartley's.

Christmas-Now Years and Birthdays Cards-any and all one cent each, adv. Morrison's adv.

For Sale-A fine upright piano used very little. Address Box 118 Morrison's N. H.

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If you "Can't Find" what you want "anywhere in town" call on us and get it. Morrison's adv.

For Sale-A Cottage with 4 acres of land, inquire of Mrs. J. L. Roberts, 2 G. S. adv.

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MEREDITH

Willow Emery and wife were called to Sandwich on Tuesday by the death of Mrs. Emery's grand-mother, Mrs. Sarah Blanchard of that place.

A Christmas Tree will be held at the Lakeside Rebekah Lodge on Friday evening at the close of the regular lodge meeting.

Mrs. W. W. Hallard started for Boston on Tuesday where she will be joined by her daughter Alice Ballard of Swansboro, together they will go to Philadelphia and spend the Christmas holidays as guests of Mrs. Joseph Greer, a summer resident of Meredith.

Forty sacks of mail were received on Monday and thirty-five sacks were sent away from Meredith Post Office.

George James is working for the American Express Company during the Xmas holidays.

Ralph Pipe has opened a meat and automotive boot and shoe store in the house of C. C. Beckford on Main st. in which a new plate glass show window has been added.

The next regular meeting of Chocorua Lodge A F and A M will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec 8.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Hartshorn was held at the North church on Saturday afternoon when the relatives and friends of the deceased gathered to pay the last sad rites to one who had been a long and highly respected resident of Meredith; Mrs. Hartshorn was a member of the North church being cherished and honored by all as a woman of high ideals, and of a nobly Christian character; and will be greatly missed by the elderly people of the village and especially so by the son with whom she made her home.

The ladies of the Federated Church held an entertainment and sale at the Grange hall on Wednesday evening which was largely attended. Songs, Recitations, piano, etc. by the children and a fancy "Not a Man in the House" was given by local talent. The ladies who earned a dollar related the hardships and experiences through which they passed in accomplishing that feast, some being extremely amusing. Ice cream, fancy work and candy were on sale. The ladies realized a neat sum from the sale.

Mrs. Herbert Williams of Cornish Flat visited Mrs. Ada L. Graham of Elm's at the past week and together they attended the State Grange at Laconia.

The pupils of the first and second grades had a very enjoyable time at their Christmas Tree, Friday, Dec 18 at the Free Will Baptist Vestry.

Among the many gifts were sixty bags of candy, one for each pupil and a box of chocolates for the teacher, Miss Lincoln, presented by A. Mosekind.

Ruth E. Cleghorn, who is attending the Plymouth Normal School, is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cleghorn. Frances Moulton, who attends Tuck's Seminary, is home for the holidays.

Walter Payson, a former resident of Meredith has entered the employ of Leonard Bryan as baker.

Mrs. Willie Kelley returned recently after several months spent at her home in New Brunswick.

A meeting of the Meredith Improvement Association was held at the North church Monday evening and the work of the organization discussed. Special consideration was given the project of the Young Men's Association Headquarters and it is proposed to use, temporarily at least, the whole door of the main part of the Corporation Building recently occupied by Mr. Copp. It is planned to fit the place with some gymnastic apparatus, a swimming pool, interesting games and reading matter.

The larger portion of the work is to be done at first appears as certain educational opportunities will be presented there. It is expected that as a result of this winter's activities, a permanent home of this social club will be provided later.

The committee appointed to carry out the ideas of the association is:

Bradbury Dearborn
Rev E. L. Converse
Rev E. T. Blake
N. B. Sanborn
J. F. Beede

All persons desiring to contribute to the fund of this work will communicate with J. F. Estes, D. A. Ambrose and C. J. Lane.

42 young men were present Friday evening last at a meeting of the Young Men's Association of Meredith.

President, C. J. Lane; vice president, D. Alva Cranford; secretary and treasurer, Charles Raymond.

An entertainment committee was appointed to prepare for the big annual show to be held Friday, Jan 1, 1916 at the town hall. The opening of the show will be a minister with special features.

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Notice to Patrons

The last forms of the News goes to press on Tuesday afternoon. Copy for all news, ads, etc. must be in by 6 p. m. on MONDAY. On account of increased patronage of the job dept. we must live up to this rule.

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PROMINENT PEOPLE

"HANSI," ALSATIAN ARTIST



Not long ago a mild sensation was created when John Waltz, an Alsatian artist and writer, widely known under the pseudonym of "Hansi," was condemned by the German authorities to a term of imprisonment for writing a book for children which he had written and illustrated. In this book, which was called "Mon Village," he dealt in a humorous and satirical vein with life in his native village, and how lively boyish words pen and pencil could be. The German masters of Alsatian literature and prints of the French. His rulers of yesterday.

Since then "Hansi" has produced another work, which, together with its predecessor, has become so enormous in popularity, that since the outbreak of war almost German copies are scarcely to be obtained. This, "The History of Alsace for Little Children, Told by Their Uncle Hansi," gives little Alsatiens a survey of the state of their native land and the history of their people, including the war like tales in France and elsewhere by the hundred, there to be scanned with delight spiced with the thought of what may befall if "the men from across the Rhine" get wind of the treasured volumes. "Hansi" himself is fighting in the French army against the nation which he has so consistently and humorously criticized in word and picture.

NO COFFEE FOR SMOOTH



Senator Reed Smoot, in consequence of his Norman training, uses no stimulants—no tobacco, alcohol, coffee or tea. No one who has ever undertaken to go through life without the use of coffee or tea has any idea of the petty annoyances that such abstinence entails. A man can quit drinking malarial vinegars, liquors, and his friends merely remark: "On the wagon, eh?" and let it go at that. They don't ask why he quit, and usually do not insist on his continuing, regardless of what may be in prospect. In this, however, "Asty" Smoot, who has been quite drinking he does so because he does not wish to take all the natural finish off his insides and die ahead of schedule, or have a befuddled brain, such as one can see on the charts in any doctor's office.

But with a man who does not think coffee or tea is different. Everybody desires to know why. Wherever Smoot goes to die people ask: "Do you find that coffee makes you tired?" "Don't you drink it for breakfast?" "Did you ever try that Battle Creek substitute for coffee?" "Does it keep you awake?" And oh, a great many more. Then some woman is certain to say: "Mercy, I've taken a cup of coffee at every meal since I can remember, and I don't think it hurts me a bit."

Or late in order to avoid a scene Smoot uses coffee, tea, or coffee and tea, or coffee and tea and a few drops of little "Sooch" or later his hostess inquires:

"Do you drink coffee or tea or, Did you get cream and sugar?"

Then the truth leaks out and the questions begin. Even in a restaurant the coffee proposition is one of life's little irritations in Smoot's case. Every waiter assumes that everybody drinks coffee. The waiter always says: "Will you have your coffee now or later?"—even though nothing has been said about coffee at all. Senator Smoot sometimes wishes the "dry" movement would be amended to include coffee.

MISSOURI BOY SHOWS KANSAS



Next year Shouse was elected a state senator and his brilliant work in that position resulted in his election to congress. Only twice before has that district sent a non-Republican to Washington.

MAJ. GEN. SAM HUGHES

One of the most picturesque figures in public life in Canada is Major General Sam Hughes. His admirers call him independent and efficient; his critics say he is a marvel of indiscipline. He organized Valcartier camp where the Canadian contingent was trained for the European war, and, boasting the job to suit himself, succeeded in getting a lot of adverse criticism. But on his return from England he wiped all that out with this typical speech:

"I have it on the word of the late Lord Roberts that Valcartier camp displayed on the part of your humble servant the capacity for organization and driving power, unsurpassed in military history."

But Hughes was not long in getting fresh trouble. General Lessard, a French-Canadian officer, who did valiant service in South Africa, but who is not noted for active service, now on account of failing eyesight, as general officer commanding the Toronto district, ordered a surprise mobilization of troops for the purpose of testing the efficiency of his organization to meet a possible invasion of German-Americans.

Hughes did not approve. But instead of reprimanding the G. O. C. privately, he blared forth his criticism in a public address. Immediately the fat was in the fire. Opposition papers and friends. But government papers forthwith demanded Hughes' head.

Consider the Poor

It is written not, "Blessed is he that feeds the poor," but "Blessed is he that considereth the poor." And you know a little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money.—Ruskin.



NEWS OF THE GRANITE STATE

Four Convicts Escape From Concord Jail

ONE OF MEN SURRENDERS

Formed Rope Out of Blankets and Slid 40 Feet to Ground—Other Prisoners Made No Attempt to Escape.

Concord—Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock, James B. Brown, lives near the Merrimack County jail, was surprised to see four men climbing down the wall of that institution. He immediately telephoned the jail officials who found that four convicts had formed a hole through the ceiling of the corridor and escaped into the jail's attic. They had on the usual jail uniform and helped themselves to the clothing which is taken from prisoners on their arrival. Then four blankets were tied together down which they slid 40 feet to the ground. There were 18 prisoners, including the murderer of Frank Friday, who had been serving a life sentence.

Concord—On the 1st of December

Donald Snow, one of the men, gave himself up to the authorities at Fremont Saturday, and was brought back here. The trail of the others was in the direction of Lawrence or Harcourt, but they have not been found at this writing.

Mad Trouble with a Woman. Dover—It appeared by evidence given in police court Friday that Horace Langford came on Nellie Bell's trail the evening previous, and was looking for trouble. Mrs. Butler tried to put him out of the house and got choked and beaten, and then with the aid of another woman, who was calling her got him out of doors. Horace then picked up a rock and hurled it through the window, breaking several panes of glass. Mrs. Butler had no money and could not afford the cost of a lawyer, and proof of her story exhibited a bruised cheek and swollen nose. According to the opinion of the judge Langford's little pugnacity was worth just \$17.30 which he was given.

Superintendent Bancroft Removed. Concord—On the 7th of December the board of control voted to request the resignation of Superintendent Bancroft of the state hospital, to take effect not later than the 13th.

On the 11th of December, and no resignation having been tendered, it was voted to remove him, his term of service to expire at midnight on December 31. The vote was 3 to 2, those voting in favor being Governor Fletcher, County Auditor and George W. Fletcher. Those opposed were William J. Abbott and Benjamin W. Conch. Dr. Bancroft was appointed to the position in 1882.

Session of State Grange Close. Lincoln—The 41st annual session of the New Hampshire State Grange was brought to a close on the 26th of December afternoon. A portion of the forenoon session was devoted to memorial exercises in charge of Horace F. Hoyt. In the afternoon the time was taken up by the introduction and passing of various resolutions. Among these was one providing that the annual meetings of subordinate granges be held on November instead of December, and another that all officers of the state grange, Pomona or subordinate granges who have the collecting or care of funds shall furnish bonds.

Held on Illegal Deer Hunters. Nashua—Deputy Fish and Game Commissioner John Wentworth reported last week from a trip to the north country that he had been investigating the illegal hunting of deer. At Littleton he made seven arrests of residents of that town who were each fined \$5 and costs, which were paid. The charge against them was hunting with traps and dogs. At Alton he had three more, all residents of Alton who were charged with dogging deer. These also paid \$50 and costs each.

Struck in Sight of His Mother. Franklin—Roger McTigue of Windham, who is visiting this city with his mother, was struck by an automobile while crossing a street Friday noon, and seriously injured. He was crossing the street when he saw the auto approaching, and started to go back, when he slipped and fell. His mother and an aunt were looking on at the instant it occurred. He was taken to a hospital and his recovery is expected.

Three Heavy Sentences. Concord—In superior court Friday afternoon Judge Kivel imposed sentences in three important cases which have created much interest. Mrs. Jennie M. Mills of Heniker for manslaughter was given from 20 to 25 years. John Doulin, who was convicted of assault on a young sister, was given 12 to 15 years. John Harvey M. Dow of Contoocook, for rape, 15 to 20 years. The prisoners were taken directly to state prison after sentences were pronounced.

Quarantine is Partly Lifted. Concord—Commissioner Welton, in a statement, said that the danger from the foot and mouth disease in this state was practically over, and has lifted the quarantine from all but a few towns. The excepted towns are Amherst, Milford, Merrimack, Hollis, Hudson, Nashua, Windham, Pelham and Salem.

Optimistic Thought. Well has he lived who has lived well in obscurity.

Falls 15 Feet from Chimney. Rochester—While cleaning out a chimney of his ticket office, Thursday an iron rod gave way, letting Jerry Bennett fall fifteen feet to the ground. He sustained a fractured wrist and two broken ribs in addition to the shock of the fall.

One Purpose of Life. South Merrimack—Deives are still making raids on railroad ticket offices, that at this place being entered at 12 m. on Tuesday night or early Thursday morning. Entrance was affected through the ticket office window by breaking a pane of glass and pushing the broken glass through the ticket slot. The station agent makes it his practice to take the money home with his sights so the thieves got no cash.

Change in Auntie. Little Merriam—Auntie had been ill several weeks and Margaret had not seen her during this time. On seeing her for the first time after her illness she cried: "My, auntie, how you have evaporated!"

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House Burns at Franklin.

Franklin.—The residence of Horace Lockett in Webster Place was discovered to be on fire by a neighbor about 8 o'clock Friday morning. The house from which was sent down, but the fire had made such progress when it arrived that it was practically ruined. The steamer did good service in protecting adjoining property, the school house taking fire several times. Mr. Lockett is now living here, and the house was vacant. The loss is about \$3000, with an insurance of \$2500.

Govemor and Council Meet Again.

Concord—There was another meeting of the governor and council Friday which lasted until midnight. The expected appointments to the state service, commissioners, commissioners of public lands and board of library trustees did not materialize, although a few minor appointments were made and some district court judges nominated. Another meeting will be held December 30, at which time it is possible some of the vacancies may be filled.

Killed by a Fall.

Dover—Mrs. Louis Garvin, wife of Frank Garvin, in starting to go down stairs Thursday evening, tripped and fell to the floor below. She was alone at the time and was found by her son and a doctor immediately. She had suffered a slight fracture of the spine, but had no other injuries. A doctor was called and the woman was taken to the hospital.

Legislators Visit State College.

Durham—In order to go to a meeting from President Fairchild about 25 members of the Rockingham county delegation to the legislature visited the state college Friday. They were shown over the building and grounds and had an opportunity to become acquainted with the work of the institution.

Entertained at State Normal School.

Plymouth—Many members of the Grafton county delegation to the legislature were entertained at dinner Friday by Principal Shillito of the Normal school. The dinner was cooked and served by members of the domestic science class, and at close the school buildings and new dormitory, now nearing completion, were inspected.

Fire Causes \$2000 Loss.

Dover—Patrick Mossell, who keeps a store, which is the largest of a series of warehouses to supply Syrian peddlers, locked up Thursday morning and went to Exeter on some business. A little later a fire was discovered inside and before it could be extinguished his stock had been damaged to the extent of \$2000. It is supposed that the fire was caused by a cigarette.

Bugs, Deprived of Food, Desert the Patent Office

Bugs of varied shapes and hues no longer lap up milk with great gusto in the Patent Office as of yore.

Once the good old days of Budgum's free dairy lunch in the building have passed forever, if Judge James I. Parker, chief clerk of the interior department, has anything to say in the matter, and he has everything to say, as a matter of fact.

Judge Parker has just issued an edict that bugs must be driven out of the Patent Office.

It is not so much that the bugs scuttle in gangs and troops from all corners and crevices of the patent office and invade the galleries where the employees of the office went to congregate at lunch hours and supply themselves with foods and milk. It is not so much that the bugs clamber down the sides of empty milk bottles and eagerly lap up the succulent drops of the white fluid. The judge hasn't the slightest desire to deprive poor hungry bugs of their sustenance.

The judge has decided against the bugs eating up the thousands of drawings of patent models stored in the galleries. It appears that the bugs, after feeding on the drawings, are driven out by the employees of the department, are still hungry, and so go roaming around in the files of choices documents upon which to finish their repasts. Perhaps it is wrong to account for what bugs will do.

Finger-Print System Proves Useful to the Army

BIG. GEN. GEORGE ANDREWS, as adjutant general of the army, has made a report to the war department in regard to the successful operation of the finger-print system of identification in the detection of military deserters.

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This Ought to Help Taxes. Manchester—The state treasurer has distributed to the towns received from the state tax collector a copy of the state tax collector's report.

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